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SCHAEFER, SEBASTIAN R.

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Sebastian R. Schaefer was born in Dayton, Ohio, April 21, 1852, the son of Peter and Anna (Reichert) Schaefer of Baden, Germany. In 1855 they went to Cumberland, Maryland, where they had one of the first bakeries. After three years, of successful business they went to St. Cloud, Minnesota where they opened a bakery shop on 5th Avenue South the other bakery shop in St. Cloud at this time was owned by Sebastian Reichert, a brother of Anna (Reichert) Schaefer.

Sebastian Schaefer attended the Union School, and later worked for his father in the bakery, he also learned the trade of carpenter and became a contractor and builder, he built the Plattes homestead also many farm homes and buildings in Stearns County. He was also Street Commissioner of St. Cloud for a period of six years, about 1896.

Sebastian Schaefer married Gertrude Brick, daughter of John Adam and Barbara Brick, who was born June 26th, 1858 at St. Anthony, Minnesota, now a part of Minneapolis.

The Indian uprising in 1862 is well remembered. While the men went to fight the Indians the mothers and their families gathered at Daley's home, one of the largest in St. Anthony, they slept on straw-ticks on the floor because of the lack of beds. The women wept and prayed for the safe return of their husbands. On one particular night they received a false report, about a massacre at Fridley's (now called Fridleys Station near Minneapolis) the following morning the men all returned alive for which they were very thankful.

John Brick, the father of Gertrude (Brick) Schaefer fought in the Civil War, after the war was over the men brought back Indian tepees and sold them to the people who used them for straw-ticks.

John Brick brought his family to Lake Henry, Stearns County, Minnesota by ox-team and settled on a farm. It was the month of May and the weather was mild and summery. All provisions, including the chickens and two cows, were brought by ox-team. A year later they moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Sebastian and Gertrude (Brick) Schaefer were married by Father Simplicious Wimmer, at St. Mary's Church, their attendants were Mary Schaefer and Joseph Reichert.

To Sebastian and Gertrude (Brick) Schaefer four children were born, Henry married Elsie Sheldon, and is employed at a bank in Minneapolis, they have one child and make their home in Alexandria, Minnesota where Henry Schaefer was formerly employed. Genevieve married Evan Edwards, who was engineer for the Great Northern Railway Company for many years. He died May 8th, 1932. Florence married John I. Fowlkes a shoe salesman, they make their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Othmar Schaefer is employed at the St. Cloud, Reformatory, he makes his home with his mother on 1032 Breckenridge Avenue North.

Sebastian Schaefer died June 6th, 1915 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Interviewed: Mrs. Gertrude (Brick) Schaefer  
Date: May 19, 1936  
By: Tresa Gruber

TAKEN FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

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Peter Shaefer (Peter Schaefer)

Age 42

Sex

Male

Occupation

Baker

Born

Baden

Mary S. Shaefer

Age 32

Sex

Female

Born

Baden

Sebastian Shaefer

Age 11

Sex

Male

Born

Ohio

Mary Shaefer

Age 7

Sex

Female

Born

New York

Peter Shaefer

Age 2 months

Sex

Male

Born

Minnesota



FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE SEBASTIAN R. SCHAEFER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK H. PAGE 275

Sebastian Schaefer and Gertrude Loehr

Married at St. Cloud, Sept. 18, 1883

By: Rev. P. Leo. M. Winter O. S. B.

Witnesses: John Jos. Reichert and Maria Schaefer

DEATH RECORD BOOK H. PAGE 20 LINE 338

Sebastian Schaefer, Born in Ohio, April 21, 1852

Son of Peter Schaefer and Anna Reichert

Died June 6, 1915

Age 63 years 1 month and 21 days